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RE: 98N-1170

I understand the time limit for commenting on the sunlamp Product Performance Standard has been extended, and so I will take the opportunity to comment.

As a State Agency receiving calls from the public and from suntan parlor proprietors, we are aware of some of their complaints and concerns. I believe the strongest argument should be made for your item 6 under Part II of the FR, page 6290. Too often, what we find is a burned customer when exposure schedules were not reduced immediately after lamps were replaced, and when compatibility between the various sunbeds and lamps is confusing and hard to ascertain, it's no wonder these accidents happen. So I support your efforts to develop a uniform grading/rating system with the cooperation of the manufacturers. This action alone will help the public and reduce risk of cancers, skin burns, etc.

Sincerely,

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